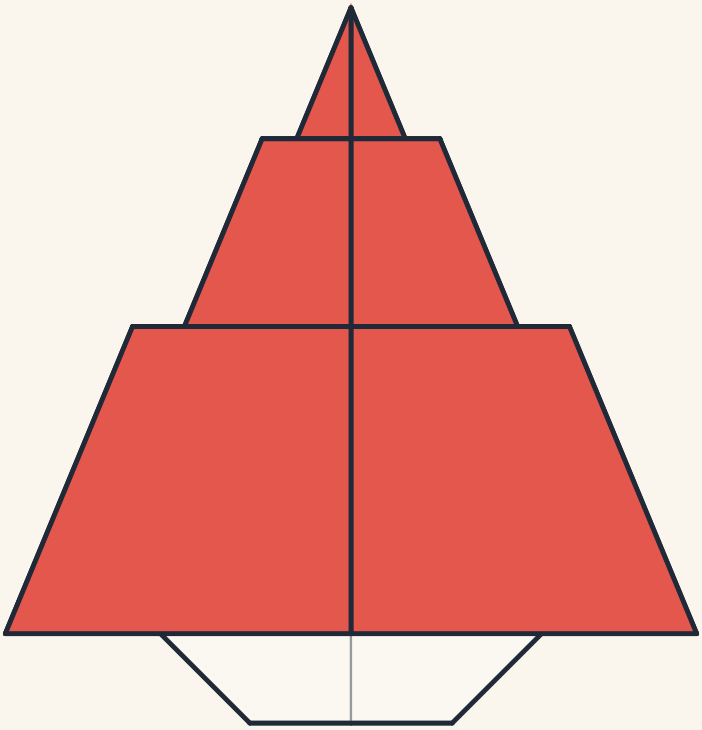
ORIGAMI DIAGRAMS

Christmas Tree

The origami Christmas tree is a flat fir tree with three stepped tiers and a small trunk, folded from one square without cutting. It is an easy model that takes about five minutes; the only new idea is a simple pleat that creates each tier.



DIFFICULTY
Easy

TIME
About 5 min

STEPS
7

PAPER
A 15 cm (6 in) square, green on one side and white

Valley fold (toward you)

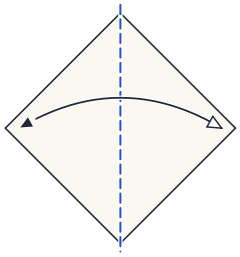
Mountain fold (away)

Existing crease

Christmas Tree - origami diagram

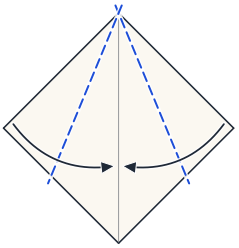
Easy - 7 steps - 5 min

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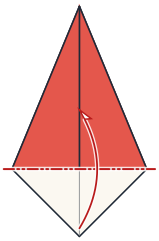
Turn the square so it sits like a diamond with the white side facing you. Fold it in half from the left corner to the right corner, then open it to leave a vertical crease.

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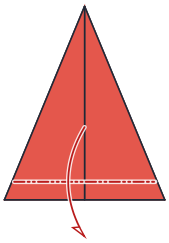
Fold the two upper edges in so they lie along the center crease. The green flaps meet in the middle and form a tall kite with its point at the top.

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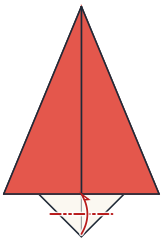
Fold the white triangle at the bottom up behind the model, folding along the line that joins the kite's two side corners. The front is now a green triangle.

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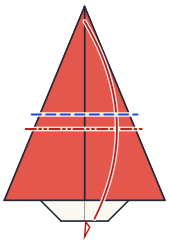
Reach behind and fold the point of that hidden triangle back down, so a white point sticks out below the bottom edge of the tree. This is the trunk.

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Fold the very tip of the trunk up behind the model, so the trunk has a flat bottom.

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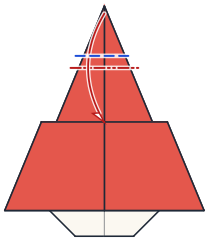


Make the first tier with a pleat: mountain fold the upper part of the tree behind along a horizontal line, then valley fold it back up along a line slightly higher. The top of the tree slides down and a small step appears on each side.

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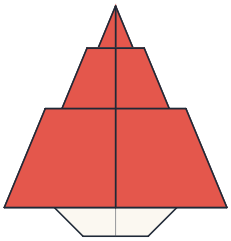
Easy - 7 steps - 5 min

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Make a second, smaller pleat nearer the top in the same way. You now have three tiers stacked above the trunk.

Done



Your Christmas tree is finished. Glue a small star on the top, dot on baubles with a gold or silver pen, and use it on a card, a gift tag or a garland.